

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 04857 221411Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SAA-01 SES-02 CIAE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15
ACDA-12 IO-13 TRSE-00 OMB-01 SSO-00 HA-05 INRE-00
NSCE-00 NEAE-00 /094 W
-----074126 221415Z /64/23

O P 220809Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9339
INFO SIT-REP COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER
USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON ENG
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GER
COMSIXTHFLT
CTF SIX ZERO
CTF SIX ONE
CTF SIX TWO
CTG SIX ZERO PT TWO
FICEURLANT NORFOLK VA
FOSIF ROTA SPAIN
DIA WASHDC
CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GER
USDOCOSOUTH NAPLES IT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 4857

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PINS PINT MILI ASEC LE
SUBJ: LEBANESE SITUATION, AUGUST 22, 1978, 1100 HOURS LOCAL

REF: BEIRUT 4843 (DTG 211357Z AUG 78)

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 04857 221411Z

1. EAST BEIRUT CEASE-FIRE.

THE EAST BEIRUT CEASE-FIRE CONTINUES TO HOLD.
DANY CHAMOUN AFTER MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER AL HOSS ON
AUGUST 21 TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS "SOMEWHAT OPTIMISTIC"
AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN "IMPROVEMENT IN THE LEBANESE
POLITICAL SITUATION."

2. MORE EXPLOSIONS AT PORT.

TWO EXPLOSIONS WENT OFF AT MAIN ENTRANCE TO PORT AT 1000 HOURS, AUGUST 22, BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES, ACCORDING TO A LEBANESE POLICE OFFICIAL. THE PORT REMAINS NOMINALLY OPEN, BUT IS DOING LITTLE BUSINESS.

3. BACHIR ASKS FOR ADF WITHDRAWAL.

A. ON AUGUST 21 BACHIR GEMAYEL, HEAD OF THE UNIFIED COMMAND OF THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS, CALLED AGAIN FOR THE "WITHDRAWAL OF THE SYRIAN FORCES" FROM EAST BEIRUT. HE ACCUSED THE SYRIANS OF FAILING TO CARRY OUT THEIR SIDE OF THE AUGUST 9 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

B. BACHIR ALSO CRITICIZED THE DECISION OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO SEND AN ARMY UNIT TO SOUTH LEBANON. HE SAID THIS WAS "UNNECESSARY SINCE ARMY UNITS ARE ALREADY DEPLOYED IN THE SOUTH." (COMMENT: THE "ARMY UNITS" REFERRED TO ARE THE REBEL TROOPS LED BY SA'AD HADDAD AND SAMI SHIDIAK. END COMMENT).

4. STILL IN KAWKABA.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BEIRUT 04857 221411Z

ABOUT 150 LEBANESE SOLDIERS REMAIN IN THE KAWKABA REGION. CHRISTIAN MILITIAS, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT SHELLED THEM SINCE AUGUST 7.

5. FOR THE RECORD: ISRAELI OVERFLIGHTS.

AT ABOUT 1610 HOURS ON AUGUST 20, THE DAY BEFORE THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON BARJ AL BARAJINAH AND DAMOUR, TWO ISRAELI FIGHTERS BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER OVER BEIRUT. AT ABOUT 1230 HOURS ON AUGUST 21, AFTER THE ATTACK, TWO ISRAELI FIGHTERS AGAIN BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER OVER BEIRUT.

DECONTROL OCTOBER 22, 1978.
KINSOLVING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BEIRUT04857
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780346-1226, D780342-1112
Format: TEL
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780835/aaaabcsz.tel
Line Count: 110
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 52c2bf5d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 BEIRUT 4843
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1653391
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LEBANESE SITUATION, AUGUST 22, 1978, 1100 HOURS LOCAL
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, ASEC, LE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/52c2bf5d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014